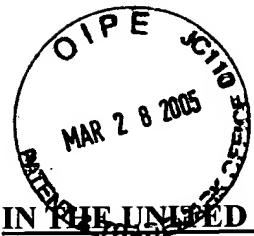


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In response to the Official Action dated February 23, 2005, in which pending claims 1, 5, 7-36, 40, 42-71, 75 and 77-106 were subjected to restriction/election, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I and further elects Species 4 of that invention, as identified by the Examiner. As is set forth in detail below, these elections are made with traverse.

Reconsideration of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments as shown in the **Listing of Claims** section of this paper which begins on page 2, and **Remarks** which begin on page 26 of this paper.



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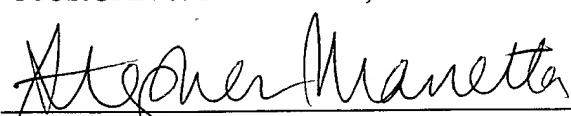
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